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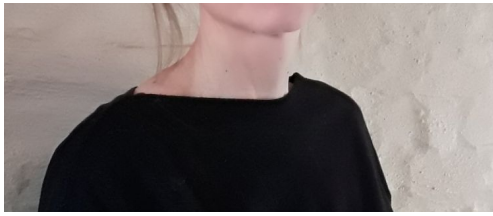


Evelien Timbermont is a postdoctoral researcher at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) and is also active as a visiting professor at Ghent University. She obtained her PhD (VUB, 2020) with a thesis on the legal position of teaching staff in the Flemish Community. Furthermore, she has worked as a lawyer specialised in social law for some time. Her research focuses on industrial relations in general and in education in particular, with attention paid to both individual and collective labour law. One of the research tracks is related to diversity and inclusion in education. Moreover, she has a particular interest in the impact of

fundamental rights on the employment relationship and especially in the concept of religious-ethos enterprises ('tendenzbetrieb', 'entreprise de tendance' or 'identiteitsgebonden ondernemingen').



Katarzyna Ruchel-Stockmans is assistant professor in photography and contemporary art at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel. She holds a PhD in art history from KU Leuven. On top of that, she also has a master's degree in cultural studies which she obtained from KU Leuven and a master's in



philosophy which she obtained from UPJP2 Cracow. Furthermore, Katarzyna is author of the book 'Images Performing History: Photography and Representations of the Past in European Art after 1989' (LUP, 2015).



Gloria González Fuster is a Research Professor at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel's Faculty of Law and Criminology. Co-Director of the [Law, Science, Technology and Society \(LSTS\) Research Group](#), and member of the [Brussels Privacy Hub](#) (BPH). She investigates legal issues related to privacy, personal data protection and security, and teaches 'Privacy and Data Protection Law' and 'Bruxelles: La ville et le droit'. She also teaches 'Data Policies in the European Union' at the Data Law option of the Master of Laws in International and European Law (PILC) of VUB's Brussels School of

Governance (BSoG). She launched VUB's Gender, Technology & Law event series. Gloria also has a [blog](#) where you can find all of her works.

RHEA RESEARCH WEBINARS

RHEA Research webinars offer scholars the occasion to present and discuss work in progress. The seminars feature research that takes place within RHEA as well as research by affiliated RHEA members or scholars just passing by. The webinars are conceived as brown bag seminars: the presenters provide food for thought and you can eat your lunch.

Florian Vanlee - Queer studies and domestic television: Balancing global disciplinary logics and local specificity in research



In this lunch webinar Dr. Florian Vanlee will share his ideas on Americentrism in contemporary queer television studies as a core challenge to 'domestic' analyses of LGBT+ televisibility. Western European TV cultures are often simplistically perceived as mere extensions of the globally dominant US industry. Their distinct engagements with the representation of sexual and gender diversity – intimately related to public service broadcasting – remain discrete sidenotes in a



body of literature concerned mostly with textual critiques of American programming. While the field's limited attention for domestic Western

European productions is partly upheld by linguistic obstacles, queer TV studies' expressive rejection of 'positivist' and 'descriptive' methods further obstructs the introduction of domestic modes of LGBT+ televisibility to scholarly attention. As a result, queer analytics of television and its role in regulating gender and sexuality reflect the deregulated commercialism of US TV production. This, in turn, has led to antagonistic and crypto-normative engagements with the medium and the actors involved, which are not necessarily appropriate in contexts other than the US.

Time: 12.30-14.00, Monday 3 May

Registration: [RHEA website](#)

Ojeaku Nwabuzo: Conceptualising systemic racism and intersectionality in EU anti-racism policy processes



Racism has been described as the sum of prejudice and power in relation to and between social groups so ingrained in European structures and policies that it can seem natural or unidentifiable. In the last three decades we have witnessed shifts in political responses to racism and racial inequalities. The EU has, at times, led the way and the most recent EU anti-racism plans acknowledge the need to address structural racism. However, as Critical Race Theorists before have shown, despite progress in anti-racist legislation and policies, racial inequalities can remain persistent.

In this Research Seminar, Ojeaku Nwabuzo, will begin to outline how systemic racism and intersectionality is conceptualised in EU anti-racism policy.

Time: 12.30-14.00, Monday 7th of June

Registration: [RHEA website](#)

FIND PREVIOUS EVENTS ONLINE

Recording of event 'Justice in a Multispecies world: lecture by Professor Maneesha Deckha (University of Victoria, Canada)': now online!

Last January RHEA co-organized together with VUB Crosstalks and Kaaitheater the event 'Justice in a Multispecies World: Lecture by Professor Maneesha Deckha'. Maneesha

Deckha is an intersectional posthumanist legal scholar and full professor in law at the University of Victoria in Canada. Her work engages with animal questions in relation to categories and theories of gender, race, disability, postcolonialism, ecofeminism, settler-colonialism and decolonization. In this event she gives a 30-minute lecture about her new book 'Animals as Legal Beings: Contesting Anthropocentric Legal Orders' (University of Toronto Press, 2021) after which she is interviewed by RHEA-member Mariska Jung followed by a Q&A with the Zoom audience. Please watch the recording [here!](#)

Recording of Professor Anita L. Allen 'Privacy through the Lenses of Race and Gender'.

On International Women's Day, we had an interesting lecture by Professor Anita L. Allen on privacy. Although privacy should be considered a foundational good, the story of privacy for groups on the margins has been a lack of privacy protection, or too much of the wrong kinds of privacy. This evening was a collaboration between RHEA, Kaaitheater, deBuren and VUB Crosstalks. The lecture is part of the Machteld De Metsenaere lecture series and the yearly Genderweek organized by RHEA. You can find the recording and interesting reading material [here.](#)

NEW RHEA PUBLICATIONS

Ahrens, P., Erzeel, S., Evans, E., Kantola, J., Kuhar, R., & Lombardo, E. (2021). Gender and politics research in Europe: towards a consolidation of a flourishing political science subfield? *European Political Science*, 20(1), 105-122. <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41304-020-00304-8>

Bourabain, D. (2021). Shiny on the Outside, Rotten on the Inside? Perceptions of Female Early Career Researchers on Diversity Policies in Higher Education Institutions. *Higher Education Policy*, 2021, 1-19. <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41307-021-00226-0>

D'Agostino, S. (2021). (In)visible Mobilizations. Romani Women's Intersectional Activisms in Romania and Bulgaria. *Politics, Groups and Identities*, 9(1), 170-189. [(published online: 2019)]. <https://doi.org/10.1080/21565503.2019.1629307>

De Proost, M., Coene, G., Nekkebroeck, J., & Provoost, V. (2021). Beyond individualisation: towards a more contextualised understanding of women's social egg freezing experiences. *Journal of Medical Ethics*. <https://doi.org/10.1136/medethics-2020-107190>

De Proost, M. (2021). Integrating intersectionality into autonomy: Reflections on feminist bioethics and egg freezing. *DiGeSt. Journal of Diversity and Gender Studies*, 7(2), 21-33. <https://doi.org/10.21825/digest.v7i2.16532>

Dierickx, S., De Proost, M., Huang, A. Y., Ceesay, S., Clarke, E., & Balen, J. (2021). The Nairobi Summit and Reproductive Justice: Unmet needs for people with infertility. *The American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene*, [10.4269/ajtmh.20-0128]. <https://doi.org/doi:10.4269/ajtmh.20-0128>

Rigotti, C. (2021). EU Policy on Counterterrorism: Evidences and Alternatives to Penal Populism. *The Interdisciplinary Journal of Populism*, 1(1), 30-47.

Rigotti, C., Bettio, F., Garofalo Geymonat, G., Maciotti, PG., Mai, N., Mancinelli, T., ... Serughetti, G.

AGENDA

Keep it organized!

Florian Vanlee 'Queer studies and domestic television'

Monday 3/05/2021

Time: 12.30-14.00

RHEA research webinar

Ojeaku Nwabuzo 'Conceptualising systemic racism and intersectionality in EU anti-racism policy process'

Monday 7/06/2021

Time: 12.30-14.00

RHEA research webinar

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If you have some interesting RHEA-related news that you would want to include in our newsletter or you would like to organise an event in collaboration with us, don't hesitate to contact us at rhea@vub.be



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